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Ban on U.S. Poultry & Egg Exports to the U.A.E. is Lifted

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Report Highlights:

On May 18, the General Secretariat of UAE Municipalities released to ATO Dubai decree # GSM/41 dated May 16, 2004 that states the ban on U.S. poultry and table eggs is now removed for products from any state except Texas and Delaware. Poultry may be sourced from those two states only if fully processed. The 70 daylong ban went into effect in February after Avian Influenza was detected in flocks in the States of Texas, Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Respectful communication and timely, factual information sharing by the ATO office and industry with Municipality officials as well as persistence and a focused effort resulted in the partial lifting of the ban that closed down the \$16 million U.S. poultry market. Word already circulating among the trade is to expect U.S. poultry to soon reappear in the local market.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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General Secretariat of Municipalities (GSM)
Public Health & Environment Affairs

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Decision # (GSM / 41) dated May 16, 2004
Regarding permitting the importation and distribution of poultry meat and
table eggs from the U.S., except those from the States of Texas and Delaware

Secretary General:

- After reviewing the decision of the Federal Supreme Council number (2) of 1980, regarding the establishments of the GSM and its modifications.
- And on the organizational regulations of the National Committee for Food Safety and the Veterinary Control Committee.
- And on Decision # (GSM / 25) of 2004, dated March 20, 2004 regarding the ban imposed on imports of poultry meat and table eggs from the U.S. as a result of the Avian Influenza (A.I.) disease
- And based on the recommendations of the joint team from the National Food Safety Committee and the Veterinary Control Committee during their meeting of May 11, 2004.
- And based on the GSM Decision # (37 / 53 / 2000) dated April 19, 2004
- And after the discussion with H.E. the Chairman of the GSM Council

It was decided:

Article 1: To allow the importation and distribution of poultry meat and table eggs from the United States of America, except those from the States of Texas and Delaware, provided they comply with the health and religious requirements of the United Arab Emirates.

Article 2: Poultry and egg products and their by products from the States of Texas and Delaware that are treated/produced by heat or any other way that helps to destroy the A.I. virus will be exempted from the ban, provided that shipments be accompanied by health certificates from the concerned authorities confirming the above.

Article 3: This decree is to be circulated among all municipalities to do the necessary to implement the decree.

Article 4: This decree/decision is effective from its date of issue.

Signature
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Secretary General